



# St. JOSEPH PARISH & NATIVITY OF THE BVM PARISH

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**March 16, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

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NATIVITY BVM PARISH OFFICE: 440-986-7011

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: [stjosephamherst.com](http://stjosephamherst.com)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ADDRESS: 200 St. Joseph Dr., Amherst, OH 44001

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.sjsamherst.org](http://www.sjsamherst.org)

**Mass:**

Monday, Friday 9:00 A.M. - St. Joseph Parish  
Tuesday 8:00 A.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish  
Thursday 7:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish  
Saturday 5:30 P.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish  
Sunday 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

**The 11:00 A.M. Mass will be livestreamed.**

**The link can be found on our website: [www.stjosephamherst.com](http://www.stjosephamherst.com)**

**Confession at St. Joseph Parish:**

Thursday - Individual Reconciliation 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

## Liturgy Schedule

**MONDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 A.M. Mary Alice Knipp (Family)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>** No MASS

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 P.M. Diocesan-wide evening of Confession  
at St. Joseph Parish

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
7:00 P.M. Donald O'Brien (Daughter)  
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 A.M. Personal Intention

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 P.M. Thomas N. O'Connor (Friends)  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
5:30 P.M. Ken M. Urig (Kathy Urig)  
Mass at Nativity Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>** Masses at St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes  
11:00 A.M. Harry and Phyllis Fior (Family)  
5:00 P.M. Louise Sroka (The Palko Family)

## Daily Readings

**MONDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Weekday  
Saint Patrick, Bishop  
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Weekday, Saint Cyril of  
Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>** Saint Joseph, Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Weekday  
Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>** Lenten Weekday  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>** Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent  
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>** Third Sunday of Lent  
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

## Activity Schedule

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. (NBVM)

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**  
Faithfully Fit Yoga - Tue. & Thur. 9:30 A.M. (NBVM)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group - Dodgeball  
We will meet in St. Joseph Social Hall  
immediately following the 5:00 P.M. Mass

**MONDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 P.M. OCIA (RCIA) (NBVM Parish Hall)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>**  
5:45 P.M. Instructional Basketball Grades K - 2 (Gym)  
7:00 P.M. Men's Group (SJ Social Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 P.M. PSR Grades K - 12 (School Classrooms)  
6:30 P.M. Sacred Sisters Meeting (O.S.E. Community Ctr.)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 A.M. Vincentian Meeting (Conference Room)  
5:45 P.M. Instructional Basketball Grades K - 2 (Gym)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**  
7:30 P.M. *The Answer* (St. Joseph Church)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:30 P.M. *The Answer* (St. Joseph Church)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Pancake Breakfast following the 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.  
Masses (SJ Social Hall)

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>St. Joseph Parish</b>		
<b>Sunday, March 2</b>	\$	18,184.55
Eoffering	\$	3,109.25
<b>Total Sunday Offerings</b>	\$	<b>22,293.80</b>
Other Collections		
Children's	\$	2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$	65.00
Maintenance	\$	153.00
Little Black Books for Lent	\$	98.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$	17.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	5.00
Central and Eastern Europe Missions	\$	12.00
<b>Nativity Parish</b>		
<b>Saturday, March 1</b>	\$	<b>699.00</b>

### PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Mass on Tuesday, March 18.

### ALSO:

As a part of the Diocesan-wide evening of confession, Father Tim will be hearing confessions at St. Joseph Church beginning at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 19.

Second Sunday of Lent

JOIN US  
FOR A

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY:  
SAINT JOSEPH  
PARISH SCHOOL



**ALL ARE WELCOME! A FREE WILL OFFERING  
MAY BE MADE TO BENEFIT THE 6TH, 7TH, AND  
8TH GRADERS AS THEY TRAVEL TO  
WASHINGTON DC THIS SPRING!**

SERVING  
FOLLOWING THE  
**8:30 AM &  
11:00 AM**  
MASSES AT ST.  
JOSEPH CHURCH

**MARCH  
23  
2025**

**\$  
FREE WILL  
DONATION**

**LOCATION: SAINT JOSEPH SOCIAL HALL**

## Lenten Soup Suppers



We are thrilled to host the LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS at  
St. Joseph Parish once again!

All from St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes are invited to join us for an  
evening of fellowship and prayer as we journey through the season of Lent.

You are welcome to bring a pot of soup, or some bread or  
crackers to share, but it is NOT required.

The Soup Suppers will take place on  
**Thursday evenings,  
March 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>  
in St. Joseph Social Hall.**

Soup will be served at 5:30 P.M., Praying the Rosary at 6:30 P.M., Mass at 7:00 P.M.  
We look forward to seeing you there! For questions, call Sue at 440-986-1725.





**St. Joseph Church, Amherst and  
Nativity B.V.M., South Amherst**

**Soup Suppers and Rosary at St. Joseph Social Hall**

March 13<sup>th</sup> - Soup served 5:30 P.M., Rosary 6:30 P.M.

March 27<sup>th</sup> - Soup served 5:30 P.M., Rosary 6:30 P.M.

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Soup served 5:30 P.M., Rosary 6:30 P.M.

**Stations of the Cross - Fridays during Lent at 7:00 P.M.**

March 14<sup>th</sup> - Stations of the Cross at Nativity

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph

April 11<sup>th</sup> - Stations of the Cross at Nativity

April 18<sup>th</sup> - **Taizé Stations of the Cross** at St. Joseph

**Diocesan-wide "Evening of Confession"**

March 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Church

**"The Answer"**

March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30 P.M. at St. Joseph Church

**First Friday and First Saturday Rosary**

April 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 A.M. at Nativity Church (Rosary only  
no luncheon this month)

April 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Church

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at NBVM Parish**

Monday through Friday 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

For information on Adoration, please call Josie  
Tornabene at 440-396-5429.

**Reconciliation (Confession) at St. Joseph Parish**

Saturdays of Lent from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Thursdays following the 7:00 P.M. Mass

until 8:30 P.M. - *exception Holy Thursday*

Good Friday following the Noon Liturgy until 3:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**Reconciliation (Confession) at NBVM Parish**

Holy Thursday following the 7:00 P.M. Mass  
until 9:00 P.M.

## Ways to Pray this Lent

Looking for ways to make Lent more meaningful this year? Here are a few suggestions—though they may not be new to you, know that the Lord will speak to you in the way you need to experience Him in this Lenten Season.

### Digital Content:



**MyparishApp:** A great way to add to your daily prayer time! This app includes many resources such as Rosary audios, Daily Readings, prayers, and messages/reminders from our parish on upcoming events. A great way to stay connected.



### More apps to try:

Laudate, Amen, Hallow,  
and Ascension.

You can find these apps at your app store provider.



**Matthew Kelly's BEST LENT EVER:** An opportunity to encounter God's mercy that will renew your faith. Use the link below to receive daily emails from Dynamic Catholic.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent>



**Formed:** At Formed, you can access Daily Reflections, award-winning studies, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming from more than 100 content providers, as well as devotional and prayer content. To learn more, visit <https://formed.org/>.



**My Daily Prayers:** Offered through our Diocese, these free recordings led by clergy of the Diocese, provides a new way to enter into a deeper, more personal relationship with God.

The recordings will be delivered daily by email. Visit, <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/my-daily-prayers> to learn more and sign up for the daily emails.

**Not Into Digital Resources?** Not to worry; we have more resources for you. On the Gathering Area counter at St. Joseph Parish, and the tables at Nativity Parish, you will find pamphlets on: How to Pray a Holy Hour, How to Pray the Rosary, How to make a Good Confession, information on upcoming retreats, and while supplies last, the Little Black Book daily devotional. In addition, as listed above, you will have several opportunities to deepen your faith and prayer life through the Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Reconciliation (including the Diocesan-wide Evening of Confession), First Friday/Saturday Rosary, and Soup Suppers. Let's not forget the opportunity to attend the production, "The Answer," produced and directed by Christina Dupré. This Lent, there truly is something for everyone!



## Second Sunday of Lent

### Plenary Indulgences - General Conditions

See the Gathering Area counter at St. Joseph and the tables at NBVM for an explanation of the Conditions of Plenary Indulgences as we prepare ourselves during this Lenten Season to receive God's mercy and unconditional love.

### Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession - March 19

*We bring our sins and struggles to our Lord and to the Church, represented by the person of the priest, when we come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We confess our sins, our failures and our faults, promise to strive again to conform ourselves to Christ, and are forgiven. "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." (Pope Francis, First Angelus as pope, March 17, 2013)*

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland invites all Catholics to participate in the Evening of Confession this Lenten season on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**. Many churches across the Diocese will be open for confessions from **5:00 to 8:00 P.M.** on that evening. Father Tim will be hearing confessions at St. Joseph Church on March 19, as well as Thursdays after the 7:00 P.M. Mass and Saturdays from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

### REMINDERS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Likewise, the norms for abstaining from meat are binding from age 14 onward. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

### Jubilee Year of Hope

#### God's Unbreakable Promises, Our Reason for Inextinguishable Hope: Encountering Divine Life in the Jubilee Year



Called to be Pilgrims of Hope during this Holy Year 2025, Bishop Michael Woost will be at St. Ladislav Church (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) **March 30 - April 1** from 7:00-8:30 P.M. At this Lenten Mission, he will offer the opportunity to reflect on God's promises for healing, peace, forgiveness, joy, salvation, and the fullness of life and love — in this life and the next! Each evening will invite the community to encounter the presence of God in and through the prayer of the Church. The Bishop's Lenten Mission will offer participants the opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence.

### St. Frances Cabrini Presents Tetelestai

St. Frances Cabrini (2143 Homewood Dr., Lorain) will present **Tetelestai: "It is Finished"**, a live Passion musical and dramatic performance, on **March 28th, 29th, and 30th**.

#### FREE performances:

- Friday & Saturday at 8:00 PM
  - Sunday at 2:00 PM
- Don't miss this powerful experience!



## Prayer Service

There will be a prayer service for Priests and the Church on **March 17<sup>th</sup>** at **Nativity Parish in Lorain** from 7:00-8:00 P.M. We will pray a Rosary, Chaplet, and have a time of silent prayer. Please join us!

## A Flourishing Apostolic Church

A 3-week study of the Pastoral Letter from Bishop Edward C. Malesic

### A three-week study of Bishop Malesic's Pastoral Letter

"A Flourishing Apostolic Church" will be held at several area churches. You can register for free to attend at the location of your choice at:  
<https://tobcle.org/events/>

A listing of the locations for the study is available in the Gathering Area.

A video from Bishop Malesic regarding this Pastoral Letter as well as the Letter itself can be found by visiting:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/a-flourishing-apostolic-church/overview>

St. Teresa of Avila Church

1878 Abbe Road, Sheffield Village, OH 44054

## Monthly Holy Hour for Life



**Tuesday:** March 25th, 2025 at 7:00pm

*All are invited to come pray before our Lord.*

### The Holy Hour includes:

- Scripture Reading
- Litanies
- The Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Eucharistic Revival Opportunity



If you were unable to attend the National Eucharistic Revival last July, you now have an opportunity to attend a "mini" Eucharistic Congress at an area church during this Lenten Season. Below are some nearby churches hosting the event. Contact the host parish for more information.

**March 22 - St. Peter Parish, North Ridgeville 440-327-2201**

**Save the date for the closing of the Eucharistic Revival on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral**

## Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting will be on **March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 P.M. for in-person support and at 5:00 P.M. for virtual support.

The March topic is "Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition."

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

For questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.



Second Sunday of Lent



COME EXPERIENCE

# THE ANSWER

**MARCH 21, 22 | 7:30PM**

St. Joseph Parish  
200 St. Joseph Dr.  
Amherst Ohio

**MARCH 28, 29 | 7:30PM**

Immaculate Conception Church  
414 Madison St,  
Port Clinton, Ohio

**APRIL 4, 5 | 7:30PM**

St. Justin Martyr  
35781 Stevens Blvd.  
Eastlake, Ohio

**APRIL 11, 12 | 7:30PM**

Solid Rock Community Church  
680 North Abbe Road.  
Elyria, Ohio

EVENT COST: **FREE** | PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION



## Dinners on the Go

Dinners are \$13 and the soups are an additional \$4.  
Drive-thru pick-up only from 5:00-6:00 P.M. at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
located at 333 South Lake St., South Amherst.  
To order, please call Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519.  
Thank you for your continued support!

### March 25

Cabbage Rolls  
Mashed Potatoes  
Applesauce Cup  
Roll/Dessert  
Soup: Clam Chowder

## Altar and Rosary Society Annual Membership Drive Closing Soon!

**The Annual Membership  
Drive ends on March 31.**

Dues are just \$5.00.  
Applications are available on  
the back tables at Nativity  
Parish or in the gathering  
area at St. Joseph Parish.

Please place completed  
applications with dues in an  
envelope marked "Altar and  
Rosary Society Application  
and Dues" and drop it in the  
collection basket.

We invite all women to join  
us in serving others and  
growing in faith together!

### **Monthly Meetings:**



When: 6:30 P.M. on the first  
Tuesday of the month

Where: Nativity Parish  
Social Hall. Meetings last  
about an hour, and there are  
plenty of opportunities to  
share your time and talents!



**Family and Friends, Come One and All!**

Join us Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at Nativity BVM Church (333 S. Lake Street, S. Amherst) for a  
**Lake Erie Perch Fish Fry!** Dinners will be available for dine-in OR carry-out from  
4:30 – 7:00 pm. The cost of each dinner is \$25.00.

 <b>Choice 1</b> <b>The Lake Erie Perch</b> <b>Dinner</b> 5 Pieces of fried Lake Erie Perch French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25	 <b>Choice 2</b> <b>The Shrimp Dinner</b> 10 Pieces of fried Shrimp French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25	 <b>Choice 3</b> <b>The Combo Dinner</b> 2 pieces of Lake Erie Perch & 6 Shrimp French Fries Coleslaw / Roll / Butter Piece of Cake \$25
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**The Kids Dinner** (10 yrs. old and under) is \$5 for 1 slice of cheese pizza, a bag  
of potato chips, a juice box, and a slice of cake.

Cans of pop and bottled water will be available for \$1 each, while supplies last.  
Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided.  
No alcohol is permitted on premises.

This is a dine-in or carry-out event. "Drive-thru" is NOT available.

Call-ahead orders are appreciated but not required. Please contact Lynn Johnson  
at 440-752-6519. Pay by check to Nativity BVM or cash (preferred) at the door.  
*We look forward to seeing you!*

*"Don't forget to do good and  
to share with those in need."  
Hebrews 13:16*



## Area Fish Fries

Looking for a Fish Fry before the one planned at **Nativity Parish on April 4<sup>th</sup>**? Here are a few for you to try until then.

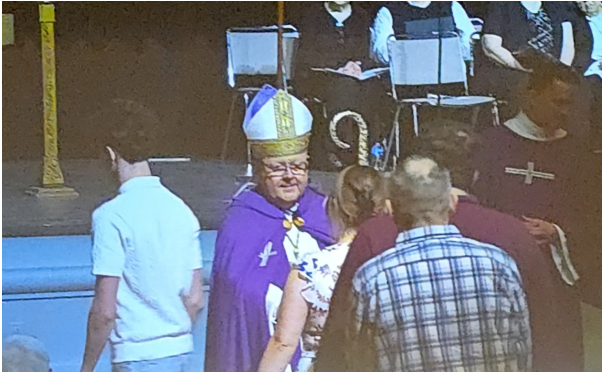
St. Thomas The Apostle Parish  
719 Harris Rd., Sheffield Lake  
Fridays - March 7 - April 11  
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
440-949-7744

St. Joseph Parish (Avon Lake)  
3929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake  
Fridays, March 7 - April 11  
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.  
440-933-3152

St. Bernadette Parish  
2300 Clague Rd., Westlake  
Fridays - March 7 - April 4  
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
440-731-1300

## Second Sunday of Lent

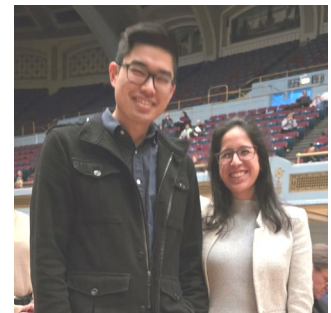
### The Rite of Election



(Above: Bishop Malesic with our Catechumens)

The second of the four steps in OCIA for those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Faith is called the Rite of Election (or Enrollment of names). This celebration was held last weekend and it closed the period of the catechumenate. In this ancient rite of the Church, the Bishop listens to the testimony of the sponsors, godparents, and assembly. Based upon this testimony, he judges their state of readiness and "elects" or "chooses" them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the coming Easter Vigil. Pictured here are our catechumens and candidates who will now transition into a time of intense spiritual preparation for the Easter Sacraments. Please hold all of the catechumens and candidates in prayer, especially during this season of Lent.

Pictured right are the Sponsors and Catechumens:  
Brian Sarvas Sponsor for Cole Williams,  
Holly Sadowski and Sponsor Douglas Sadowski,  
Samuel Oney and Sponsor Colin Coughlin.



Above: Candidate Christian Loo and Sponsor Fiorella Castillo Lamas

### Fifth Sunday Rosary



Holy Family Council 4891 invites everyone to participate in a Rosary prayer scheduled for **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**, after the conclusion of the 11:00 A.M. Mass at St. Joseph Church.

The Rosary will take place either in the Church or Social Hall and should last no more than 15 to 20 minutes.



The praying of the Rosary as a community and with others can create a sense of spiritual bonding and fellowship within our parishes. Please plan on participating in this important prayer to the Blessed Virgin for her intercession of our spiritual needs and personal connectedness to God. God's blessings to all.

### Save the Date Baccalaureate Mass



Our Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at the **11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. This special day provides an opportunity for all high school, vocational school, and college graduates to participate in and be celebrated at Mass.

We invite graduates to take part by serving as a lector for the Processional Introduction, the First and Second Readings, and the Intercessions. Please encourage your graduate to participate—this is a beautiful Mass and a very special day for all!

Additionally, remember to **submit your graduate's photo and short bio by May 23<sup>rd</sup>** so that they can be included in our Parish Newsletter.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

In the charity of your prayers,  
we commend to God:

**Shirley Zeh, mother of June Childress**

We pray for her family and the families of all our deceased relatives and friends that they may enjoy eternal peace with our Risen Christ.

*Let us also remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound, and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, those dealing with mental illness and addictions, the homeless and those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Mary's Way of the Cross**



These amazing women offered a beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross as "Mary's Way of the Cross" at Nativity Parish in South Amherst last weekend. Throughout this season of Lent, the group will be presenting at several area churches. If you missed the presentation at NBVM, you can catch it at one of these locations in the coming weeks of Lent:

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Parish, located at 731 Exchange St., Vermilion

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:10 P.M.

NBVM Parish, located at 428 West 15<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 P.M.

Sacred Heart Parish, located at 410 W. Lorain St., Oberlin

Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 P.M.

St. Matthias Parish, located at 1200 W. Sprague Rd., Cleveland

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 P.M.

St. Patrick Parish, located at 512 N. Main St., Wellington

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

In your monthly envelope packets you will find an envelope for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Relief Services Collection. To learn more about the Collection, visit <https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief>.

**ST. JOSEPH & NATIVITY PARISHES**

# **DODGEBALL**

**HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP**

**JOIN US FOR FUN**  
**MARCH 16**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 5:00 P.M. MASS**  
**MEET IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

**ANY DENOMINATION. ANY RELIGION**  
**ALL 7-12 GRADERS WELCOME!**

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6433 Middle Ridge Rd., Suite B,  
Lorain 44053

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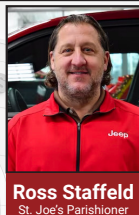
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